

SUGGESTED OUTLINES

SUGGESTED CONTENT FOR AN APPRAISAL REPORT

Appraisal studies are brief, preliminary investigations to determine the desirability of proceeding to a feasibility study. Appraisal reports primarily use existing data and information to identify plans for meeting current and projected needs and problems of the planning area. An appraisal study identifies at least one potential solution that requires Federal involvement or identifies an array of options that have been screened and evaluated to substantiate Federal involvement.

Appraisal studies are authorized under Federal Reclamation Law (Act of June 17, 1902, Stat. 388 and acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto).

CHAPTER 1–Introduction

Location of potential project

Study purpose, scope, and objectives

Study authority

Public involvement/scoping

Previous studies of the project area by Reclamation or others

Relationship of other water and related resources activities to our study

CHAPTER 2–Need for Action

This chapter defines the problems, needs, and opportunities toward which plan formulation is directed, e.g., municipal and industrial water, irrigation, fish and wildlife, environmental quality, recreation, flood control, or energy. Address needs associated with National, State, and local concerns. Clearly define the problem in each category and the resource needs to solve the problem.

State problems, needs, and opportunities for both current and future conditions.

CHAPTER 3–Opportunities, Resources, and Constraints

This chapter provides a general discussion of present and future conditions in those resource categories that have a bearing on the formulation of plans to address the identified needs. Cite physical, statutory, social, institutional, and environmental constraints that limit the capability of the resources to meet needs.

CHAPTER 4–ALTERNATIVES

Alternative formulation

Description of alternatives

No Action Alternative. Explain that this alternative serves as the basis for determining the effects of all viable alternatives.

Nonviable alternatives considered. Describe each significant nonviable alternative and give reasons for not considering it further.

Viable alternatives. Provide the following discussion of each viable alternative

at a comparable level of detail.

Overview of plan concept

Plan accomplishments

Plan description

Project costs

CHAPTER 5–POTENTIAL EFFECTS OF ALTERNATIVES

Setting

Water resources

Fish and wildlife resources

Recreation

Economics

Social Environment

Cultural Resources

Indian Trust Assets

CHAPTER 6–CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

Public Involvement

Agency Consultation

CHAPTER 7–Conclusions and Recommendations

Conclusions

Recommendations

